(b) When the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was approved, the goal was to provide connectivity through good all-weather roads to all Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas with a population of more than 1000 within a period of three years and all Habitations with a population of more than 500 persons, by the end of the Tenth Plan Period. In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal), Desert Areas and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the objective was to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above In the Budget Speech of 2005-06, the Bharat Nirman programme was announced, the Rural Road component of which has a goal to provide connectivity to all villages with a population of 1000 (500 in the case of hilly or tribal areas) and above with an all-weather road by the year 2009. Achievement of Bharat Nirman goals for rural roads requires an investment of about Rs 48,000 crore and progress in linking Unconnected villages will depend on the budget provisions from year to year.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Export Growth Target for 2005-06

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the overall export growth target fixed by Government for the year 2005-06;

(b) the sector-wise target achieved under the medium term export strategy 2002-07, so far;

(c) whether Government has announced any Export Policy for the year 2005-06; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S ELANGOVAN): (a) A target of US $ 92 billion has been fixed for exports for the year 2005-06.

(b) The sector-wise export performance for the period 2002-03 upto April-February, 2004-05 is placed at statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. An annual supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2004-09 was announced on 8th April, 2005 which inter-alia proposes to set up an Inter-State Trade Council for involving State Governments in export efforts, removal of export taxes, package for marine sector, further procedural simplifications and reduction of transaction costs.

Statement

Sector-wise Export Performance for 2002-2003 and upto April-Feb. 2004-05

Commodities	Export Performance		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (April-Feb.)
I. Plantations	547	583	563
II. Agri & Allied Prdts	4721	5326	5268
III. Marine Products	1432	1320	1175
IV. Ores & Minerals	1996	2341	3649
V. Leather & Manufactures	1848	2025	2086
VI. Gems & Jewellery	9030	10510	11977
VII. Sports Goods	73	93	89
VIII. Chemicals & Related Prdts.	7858	9791	11286
IX. Engineering Goods	7689	10414	12807
X. Electronics Goods	1295	1686	1594
XI. Project Goods	49	60	42
XII. Textiles including handicrafts & carpets	12399	12982	11728
XIII. Petroleum Products	2577	3519	6195
XIV. Unclassified Exports	1195	2575	1901
Grand Total	52719	63455	70360

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata